

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
235 PROMENADE STREET  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES INTRODUCED INTO MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

DATE OF NOTICE: June 23, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 21-05

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100013

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**The City of Cranston, Rhode Island**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Cranston Water Control Facility**  
140 Pettaconsett Avenue  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

RECEIVING WATER:

**Pawtuxet River Main Stem**  
**Waterbody ID #: RI0006017R-03**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **B1**

**PROPOSED ACTION**

The Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations (250-RICR-150-10-2) adopt and incorporate the General Pretreatment Regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 403 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 28, 1981. These Regulations, mandated by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., govern the control of industrial waste introduced into municipal sewage treatment plants.

As specified in 40 CFR 403.18, program modification is necessary whenever there is a significant change in the operation of a POTW Pretreatment Program that differs from the information in the POTW's submission, as approved under 403.11. Prior to making a final decision of approval on this request, the DEM is providing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed modification for the City of Cranston's Industrial Pretreatment Program.

Pursuant to the General Pretreatment Regulations, the applicant has submitted a request for an approval of a substantial modification to its Industrial Pretreatment Program. The proposed modification consists of a revision to Cranston's sewer use ordinance (under Title 13). All users of Cranston's sewer system

are subject to this ordinance, including over 30 Significant Industrial Users. The proposed modifications also include changes to Cranston's local limits, on the basis of Cranston's "Local Limits Evaluation" (dated November 2020). The request for approval consists of an endorsement statement from the City of Cranston, including a public notice that the City conducted from 02/25/2021 to 03/27/2021 and a description of the modification. This public notice serves as DEM's requirement to issue a public notice soliciting public comment in accordance with 40 CFR 403.11(b).

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the "notice of approval or disapproval" required by 403.11(e).

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION:**

Further explanation of the modification can be found by examining the documents entitled: "Proposed Ordinance" and "Cranston Local Limits Evaluation".

The documents may be obtained at no cost by emailing or calling DEM as noted below:

Travis Babikoff  
Environmental Engineer II  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767  
(401) 222-4700 ext. 77274  
e-mail: [travis.babikoff@dem.ri.gov](mailto:travis.babikoff@dem.ri.gov)

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

Pursuant to Chapter 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider this modification if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted to the attention of Travis Babikoff as indicated above. Notice should be taken that pursuant to Chapters 46-12 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 P.M. July 26, 2021 the public hearing will be held at the following time:

5:00 PM Thursday July 29, 2021

In accordance with Executive Order 20-46 the public hearing will be held virtually. The virtual public hearing, if held, may be accessed by members of the public using the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81027499111>

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Interested persons should contact DEM to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time noted above.

If communications assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call DEM at the number listed above or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person(s) requesting.

Public comments on the proposed modification must be submitted in writing prior to 4:00 P.M. July 30, 2021 to:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
RIPDES Program  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767  
ATTN: Travis Babikoff

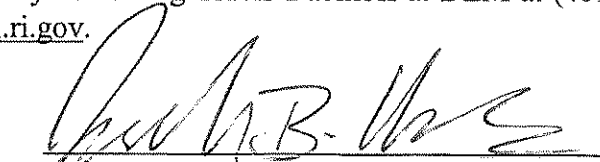
All written comments will be considered in the decision on whether or not to approve the proposed modification. All persons who believe any condition of the proposed modification is inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to Travis Babikoff as indicated above.

#### **FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:**

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the "notice of approval or disapproval" required by 403.11(e) and no additional notice shall be provided. If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the proposed modification, DEM may require a revised modification or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting Travis Babikoff at DEM at (401) 222-4700 ext. 77274 or by email at [travis.babikoff@dem.ri.gov](mailto:travis.babikoff@dem.ri.gov).

6/17/2021  
Date

  
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Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.  
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Office of Water Resources

